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PUBLIC SAFETY 700 MHZ BAND – GENERAL USE CHANNELS APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO REGIONAL PLANNING BOUNDARIES OF CONNECTICUT AND MICHIGAN

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau accepts and approves the decisions of Connecticut and Michigan to “opt out” of their assigned planning regions for purposes of the regional planning process established by the Commission for the General Use channels in the 700 MHz public safety band.¹ As a result of these “opt out” decisions, the 700 MHz planning regions are hereby modified as set forth in the **Attachment** hereto.

By way of background, in 1998 the FCC decided that the 700 MHz public safety band regional planning committees (RPCs) would be based on the same fifty-five planning regions used in the 800 MHz band.² However, the FCC also decided to allow states or territories not in regions defined by state boundaries to “opt out” of their existing regions to form or join a planning region that corresponds with their state’s geographic boundaries.³ The deadline date for reporting “opt out” decisions was July 2, 2001.⁴

Connecticut was eligible to “opt out” because it was part of Region 8 and Region 19. The Chairman of the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 19 RPC reports that all RPC members from Connecticut have agreed to “opt out” of Region 8 to join the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 19 with boundaries redrawn to encompass all of Connecticut.⁵

¹ See Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communications Requirements Through the Year 2010, WT Docket No. 96-86, *First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 14 FCC Rcd 152, 191 ¶ 78 (1998).

² *Id.* and at 263, Appendix D (List of Regions).

³ *Id.* at 191-92 ¶¶ 80, 85.

⁴ Public Safety 700 MHz Band General Use Spectrum Deadline for Changing Regional Boundaries is July 2, 2001, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 726 (WTB PSPWD 2001). See also Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State and Local Public Safety Agency Communications Requirements Through the Year 2010, WT Docket No. 96-86, *Second Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 16844, 16876 ¶ 68 (2000). Pursuant to timely filed requests, the deadline date was extended until November 2, 2001, and January 2, 2002, for the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 42 RPC and the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 8 RPC, respectively. See Letter to David R. Warner, Convener, Virginia Region 42, from D’wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division (PSPWD), WTB (June 29, 2001); Letter to Rosalind K. Allen, Esq., Counsel for the City of New York, from D’wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, WTB (Aug. 3, 2001).

⁵ See Letter to D’wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, WTB, from George Pohorilak, New England 700 MHz Chairman (dated May 2, 2001).

Michigan was eligible to “opt out” because it comprised Region 21 and part of Region 54. The Chairman of the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 21 RPC reports that all RPC members from Michigan have agreed to “opt out” of Region 54 to join the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 21 with boundaries redrawn to encompass all of Michigan.⁶

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Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁶ See Letter to Joy Alford, WTB, from Stephen Todd, Region 21 Chairman (dated June 26, 2001).

PUBLIC SAFETY – 700 MHZ BAND – REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES*

NUMBER	STATES, COUNTIES & TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN REGIONS (700 MHZ)
1.	ALABAMA
2.	ALASKA
3.	ARIZONA
4.	ARKANSAS
5.	CALIFORNIA-SOUTH (to the northernmost borders of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties)
6.	CALIFORNIA-NORTH (that part of California not included in California-South)
7.	COLORADO
8.	<i>NEW YORK-METROPOLITAN - NEW YORK: Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, and Westchester Counties; NEW JERSEY: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren, Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Monmouth Counties</i>
9.	FLORIDA
10.	GEORGIA
11.	HAWAII
12.	IDAHO
13.	ILLINOIS (all except area in Region 54)
14.	INDIANA (all except area in Region 54)
15.	IOWA
16.	KANSAS
17.	KENTUCKY
18.	LOUISIANA
19.	<i>New England - MAINE; NEW HAMPSHIRE; VERMONT; MASSACHUSETTS; RHODE ISLAND; CONNECTICUT</i>

* Regions 8, 19, 21, and 54 are in bold to highlight the results of “opt out” decisions reported to the Commission as of July 2, 2001. Pursuant to timely filed requests, the deadline date was extended until November 2, 2001, and January 2, 2002, for the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 42 RPC and the 700 MHz Public Safety Band Region 8 RPC, respectively. See Letter to David R. Warner, Convener, Virginia Region 42, from D’wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division (PSPWD), WTB (June 29, 2001); Letter to Rosalind K. Allen, Esq., Counsel for the City of New York, from D’wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, WTB (Aug. 3, 2001). This attachment also corrects several typographical errors/omissions on earlier versions of this list.

NUMBER	STATES, COUNTIES & TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN REGIONS (700 MHz)
20.	MARYLAND; WASHINGTON, D.C.; VIRGINIA – NORTHERN (Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties; and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park Cities)
21.	MICHIGAN
22.	MINNESOTA
23.	MISSISSIPPI
24.	MISSOURI
25.	MONTANA
26.	NEBRASKA
27.	NEVADA
28.	NEW JERSEY (except for counties included in the New York-Metropolitan, Region 8, above) PENNSYLVANIA (Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Berks, Delaware, Lehigh, Northampton, Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming and York Counties); DELAWARE
29.	NEW MEXICO
30.	NEW YORK – ALBANY (all except area in New York - Metropolitan, Region 8, and New York - Buffalo, Region 55)
31.	NORTH CAROLINA
32.	NORTH DAKOTA
33.	OHIO
34.	OKLAHOMA
35.	OREGON
36.	PENNSYLVANIA (all except area in Region 28, above)
37.	SOUTH CAROLINA
38.	SOUTH DAKOTA
39.	TENNESSEE
40.	TEXAS - DALLAS (including the counties of Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Lamar, Red River, Bowie, Wise, Denton, Collin, Hunt, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris, Cass, Tarrant, Dallas, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Kaufman, Rains, VanZandt, Wood, Smith, Camp, Upshur, Gregg, Marion, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson, Henderson, Navarro, Ellis, Johnson, Hood, Somervell and Erath)
41.	UTAH
42.	VIRGINIA (all except area in Region 20, above)
43.	WASHINGTON
44.	WEST VIRGINIA

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45.	WISCONSIN (all except area in Region 54)
46.	WYOMING
47.	PUERTO RICO
48.	U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
49.	TEXAS - AUSTIN (including the counties of Bosque, Hill, Hamilton, McLennan, Limestone, Freestone, Mills, Coryell, Falls, Robertson, Leon, San Saba, Lampasas, Bell, Milam, Brazos, Madison, Grimes, Llano, Burnet, Williamson, Burleson, Lee, Washington, Blanco, Hays, Travis, Caldwell, Bastrop, and Fayette)
50.	TEXAS - EL PASO (including the counties of Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Comanche, Culberson, Reeves, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, El Paso, Pecos, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Mason, Presidio, Brewster, Terrell, Sutton, and Kimble)
51.	TEXAS - HOUSTON (including the counties of Shelby, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Houston, Trinity, Angelina, Walker, San Jacinto, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Montgomery, Liberty, Hardin, Orange, Waller, Harris, Chambers, Jefferson, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Austin, Colorado, Wharton, and Matagorda)
52.	TEXAS - LUBBOCK (including the counties of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Grey, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Jack, Young, Archer, Baylor, King, Dickens, Crosby, Lubbock, Kockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, and Garza)
53.	TEXAS - SAN ANTONIO (including the counties of Val Verde, Edwards, Kerr, Gillespie, Real, Bandera, Kendall, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Lavaca, Dewitt, Karnes, Wilson, Atascosa, Frio, Zavala, Maverick, Dimmit, LaSalle, McMullen, Live Oak, Bee, Goliad, Victoria, Jackson, Calhoun, Refugio, Aransas, San Patricio, Nueces, Jim Wells, Duval, Webb, Kleberg, Kenedy, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy, and Cameron)
54.	<i>Chicago – Metropolitan – ILLINOIS: Winnebago, McHenry, Cook, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, Boone, Lake, DuPage, DeKalb, Will, and Kankakee Counties;</i> <i>WISCONSIN: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Washington, Dodge, Walworth, Jefferson, Racine, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Dane, and Rock Counties</i>
55.	NEW YORK - BUFFALO (including the counties of Niagara, Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca, Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Wyoming, Genesee, Orleans, Monroe, Livingston, Steuben, Ontario, Wayne, and Yates)